

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following  
amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by adding claim 39 as follows:

--39. A program for a computer, communicating with a billing terminal performing billing  
of a transaction and with a paying terminal performing paying of the transaction, and  
performing a settlement of transaction, said program comprising:

a first communication module which operates the computer to communicate to the  
billing terminal via a commercial telephone line or a private line;

a second communication module which operates the computer to communicate to  
the paying terminal via a radio telephone communication; and

a processing module which performs the settlement of transaction, said processing

module setting a transaction identifying number which identifies the transaction and

said processing module synchronizing a communication to the billing terminal with a

communication to the paying terminal when the paying terminal transmits a